

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 716 – SB 976

May 12, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (008118, 008339): Amendment 008118 deletes the original bill in its entirety. Authorizes individuals with a handgun carry permit to possess a firearm within the boundaries of any public park, wildlife management area, natural area, forest, or other similar place owned or operated by the state or local government. Prohibits the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) from changing existing signs prohibiting firearms unless such replacement is in accordance with a regular replacement schedule. Authorizes local governments, by resolution of a majority vote of the local legislative body, to elect to prohibit persons from carrying handguns at such locations. Amendment 008339 removes wildlife management areas from the provisions of the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

(CORRECTED)

Increase State Expenditures - \$38,200/One-Time

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$50,000/One-Time/
Permissive**

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- No additional personnel will be required by TWRA or TDEC due to any difficulty related to the enforcement of wildlife or environmental regulations. Any increase in state expenditures related to enforcement is estimated to be not significant.
- A permissive, one-time increase in local government expenditures exceeding \$50,000 related to changing park signs if local governments opt to prohibit carrying handguns in local parks.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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